

Children's perceptions of forests

The vision of children from urban Bangkok, Thailand, and from a community in the forest at Hurlingham, Argentina.



Pongpol (Ta) Yuvahong
Age 11 years
Bangkok, Thailand

I love the forest – I once went to visit a cave in the forest. The forest was very damp. I don't think we should cut down the trees. Instead of cutting them down, it would be better if we grew more of them so we can have a lot of shade. And the more trees we have, the more animals there will be. And we should protect not only the forest but the rivers too. We should not throw any bad things into the rivers because it will make them very dirty. The forests will last a very long time if we help look after them.



Napassorn Archavaniyut
Age 5 years
Bangkok, Thailand

(Left) We have to help look after the forest
(Right) Help plant lots of trees

Aya Chotecheewin
Age 11 years
Bangkok, Thailand



The rich forest
– if we care for it
Come, come
– let's plant
some trees

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I love the forest

Porapat Yuvahong
Age 6 years
Bangkok, Thailand

*I love the forest because a lot of
wild animals live there*



Tawinee Tumtanakorn
Age 6 years
Bangkok, Thailand



We like the forest because it is beautiful

Jirawatana Weerapat
Age 6 years
Bangkok, Thailand

Patra (Pam) Watanyuta
Age 8 years
Bangkok, Thailand

I love the forest – I went on a trip to a forest and I saw many kinds of birds like parrots, mynahs and lots of others. We should look after the forest and nature. We should not cut down trees and hurt the forests. If we cut [trees] we should plant new ones. If we don't have trees we won't have the nice shade that they give us. Trees help hold on to the water when the rain falls. If we don't have trees our houses will get flooded.



Jonathan Torres
Age 12 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



Gabriel Macías
Age 13 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



*El bosque es para mí como un paraíso
lleno de vida
porque están los árboles y los animales.
De día y de noche todos cantan
todo tiene olor a vida
todo está lleno de perfume*

*For me the forest is like a paradise
full of life
because there are trees and animals.
By day and by night they all sing
they all give flavour to life
everything is full of perfume.*

Débora Espina
Age 13 years
Hurlingham, Argentina

*El bosque es para mi un lugar donde podés relajarte
estar tranquilo, porque escuchás cantar a los pájaros
y podés mirar a los árboles
y muchos animales pasar.
En el bosque podés sentir el aire puro
y a él, nosotros por ser miembros de este mundo,
debemos cuidarlo un poco*

*For me the forest is a place where you can relax,
be calm, because you can listen to the birds sing
and you can look at the trees
and many animals pass by.
In the forest you can feel the pure air
and because we're members of this world,
we have to take a little care of it.*

Andrés Rodríguez Felcher
Age 11 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



Daniel Gallardo
Age 11 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



Adriana Gómez
Age 11 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



Selva Cuevas
Age 8 years
Hurlingham, Argentina

*El bosque es un lugar muy hermoso, lleno de flores
muy lindas.*

*Todos los animales viven muy felices en el bosque,
las mariposas brillan en la luz del sol.*

Toda la naturaleza tiene un rico aroma.

*Yo siempre le pido a Dios que no dañen el bosque,
porque los animales se quedarían sin hogar, y nosotros
sin vida*

*The forest is a very beautiful place, full of very
pretty flowers.*

*All of the animals live very happily in the forest,
the butterflies shine in the light of the sun.*

All the natural world has a rich aroma.

*I always ask God not to let them damage the forest,
because the animals would be left without a home,
and we without life.*

Daiana Cantero
Age 9 years
Hurlingham, Argentina

Francisco Monteleón
Age 13 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



*Los bosques están llenos
de amor y de alegría
alrededor de las plantas se siente
el aroma de las margaritas*

*The forests are full
of love and happiness
around the plants
there's an aroma of daisies*

*Los bosques están llenos
de amor y de alegría
cuando estás dentro del bosque
sentís que vivís la vida*

*The forests are full
of love and happiness
when you're in the forest
you feel that you're living life*

*Los bosques están llenos
de amor y de alegría
debo saber cuidarlos
como a mi misma*

*The forests are full
of love and happiness
I have to know how to care for them
as for myself*

Florencia Sánchez
Age 11 years
Hurlingham, Argentina



Jonathan Delima
Age 14 years